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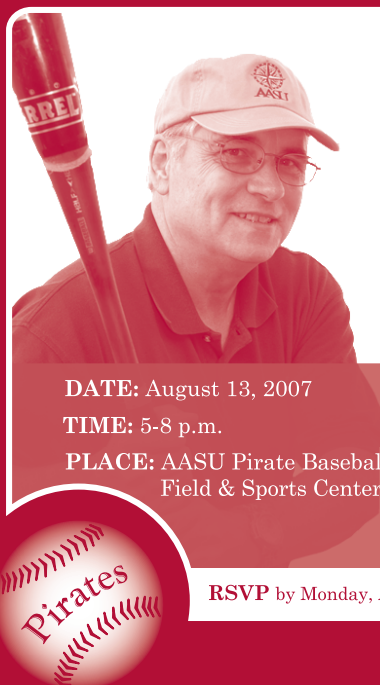
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A newsletter for Armstrong Atlantic State University faculty & staff

**AUGUST 2007**



## *Batter Up!*

### **FACULTY & STAFF**

*are invited to come out to the*

**AASU PIRATE BASEBALL FIELD for the**

## ***1st Inning***

*of the 2007-2008 academic year.*

**DATE:** August 13, 2007

**TIME:** 5-8 p.m.

**PLACE:** AASU Pirate Baseball  
Field & Sports Center

**GET ON DECK** for an All-American BBQ.

> *Invite your colleagues out for a team photo!*

> *You are welcome to bring an adult guest.*

### **STEP UP TO THE PLATE**

*for the Faculty/Staff Campaign*

*and receive your AASU ball cap!*

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## **AASU JAMBOREE 2007**

### **More than \$3.4 Million in New Funding to AASU's Nursing Program**

Three grants awarded to the Department of Nursing totaling \$3,486,423 will help support three strategic initiatives. Funding from the University System of Georgia, in partnership with Memorial Health University Medical Center (MHUMC), will boost the number of nursing admissions by 50 percent annually and thus partially ease a critical shortage of registered nurses in Georgia. The second grant provides AASU and key community partners with funding to increase nursing education opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. The third grant supports expansion of free primary healthcare services to uninsured residents of Chatham County.

The University System of Georgia (USG) Nursing Education Task Force (NETF) has approved funding totaling \$189,320, recurring annually for an initial three-year period. The objective of the NETF funding is to increase by 50 percent the number of pre-licensure nursing graduates produced by the USG by 2010. MHUMC has committed financial and clinical placement support for the expanded student numbers.

Armstrong Atlantic will contribute \$138,000 to the project from existing funding. This will provide renovated space, including the refurbishing of Ashmore Hall Auditorium, used as a primary classroom for the nursing program.



*Congressman Jack Kingston celebrated the federal nursing grants at the Armstrong Center in July.*

Further increasing access, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has granted AASU \$1,460,286 to fund Project SUCCESS, a program designed to increase access to nursing education for students from educationally disadvantaged backgrounds, including racial and ethnic minorities underrepresented in the nursing field.

The U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration has funded a second grant to improving local health care,. This \$1,458,177, five-year grant will allow AASU to expand its nursing practice in St. Mary's Community Center in the Cuyler-Brownsville neighborhood in Savannah. The project strengthens long-standing partnerships involving AASU, St. Joseph's/Candler, and St. Mary's Community Center.

## **PRISM Goes to Ossabaw Island**

Local teachers enhanced their content knowledge with inquiry-based, hands-on experiential learning within a new interdisciplinary summer course for K-12 teachers called "Georgia's Barrier Islands: Natural Laboratories for Inquiry-Based Learning & Teaching of Science." The course was offered through the auspices of the Partnership for Reform in Science and Mathematics (PRISM) program at Armstrong Atlantic ([www.prism.armstrong.edu](http://www.prism.armstrong.edu)).

Teachers were immersed in the history and science of coastal Georgia's barrier islands, with particular emphasis on the unique and relatively undocumented history of Ossabaw Island. Classroom learning was complimented with intense field experiences. In their two days at Ossabaw, students and instructors partnered to become teams of scientists during marsh walks, beach seining, and a sea turtle walk at two in the morning.



*Educators seining at an Ossabaw Island beach*

The community/instructional team consisted of PRISM teachers from Chatham and Camden counties: Ron Phillips (Coastal Middle School), Becci Curry (St. Mary's Elementary School), and Karyn Chester (Camden High School). Also, an interdisciplinary team of faculty: Charles Belin, biology; Carol Ebel, history; Peter Verity, Skidaway Institute of Oceanography (SkIO); and Sabrina Hessinger, mathematics. The course content was rounded out with additional scholarly contributions from Mark Finlay, College of Arts and Sciences; Barbara Fertig, Lea Williams, Jr., and Cathy Adams, all history; and Clark Alexander, SkIO.

## AASU Tennis Sweeps Peach Belt Conference Titles

The top-ranked AASU women's tennis squad captured its fourth straight and 13th overall Peach Belt Conference women's tennis title with a 5-0 win over Columbus State. The top-seeded Armstrong Atlantic men's tennis team swept all three doubles matches en route to a 5-3 win over USC Upstate and a third-straight Peach Belt Conference men's tennis tournament title.



## First Day is Here

All faculty and staff will soon receive information about this year's First Day activities. Each year, First Day kicks off the Annual Fund campaign to support scholarship, leadership, and educational programs at Armstrong Atlantic. Gifts given during this campaign enable the university to subsidize all areas of study and help the university community learn, grow, and succeed. Regardless of the amount, every contribution to the Annual Fund will make a difference.

Everyone who contributes to this year's First Day will receive an AASU baseball cap. The signature caps will be available only at the Jamboree on Monday evening, August 13, and at the University Meeting in the Fine Arts Auditorium on Friday, August 17. Turn in your pledge card to receive your baseball cap. For more details contact this year's campaign chair, Fern Illidge, in the Office of Human Resources at 921.5412, or Gail Rountree in the Office of External Affairs at 927.5208.



## Clark to Head Institutional Research

Andy Thomas Clark has been named director of institutional research. Prior to joining Armstrong Atlantic, Clark served as director of institutional research and planning at Macon State College, where he was responsible for college-wide research, planning, and assessment.

Clark serves as chair of the University System of Georgia Institutional Research and Planning Committee for 2007-2008. He is the former president of the Georgia Association of Institutional Research, Planning, Assessment, and Quality.

He holds a B.S. in public administration and criminal justice, a master's in public administration, and a master's in logistics from Georgia College and State University.



## Lau Promoted in Computer Science

Kam Fui Lau has been promoted to associate professor and interim department head of information technology. Since August 2001 Lau had served as assistant professor.

Prior to joining AASU, Lau worked in data mining and web personalization research for a high-tech firm in Boston, MA. He helped enhance Wal-Mart's inventory forecasting system.

Lau, a native of Hong Kong, has research interest in real-time systems, programming language, networking, data mining, and e-learning. He also has conducted research



in the area of teacher retention. Most recently he co-authored—with AASU's Evelyn Dandy, education, and Lorrie Hoffman, mathematics—"The Pathways Program: A Model for Increasing the Number of Teachers of Color," to be published in *Teacher Education Quarterly* in fall 2007.

Lau holds a Ph.D. in computer science, an M.S. in accounting, and a M.B.A. in finance from the University of Rhode Island.



### **Gregerson to Lead Biology Department**

**Robert G. Gregerson** has been appointed department head of biology. Prior to joining Armstrong Atlantic, Gregerson served as an associate professor of biology at Lyon College in Batesville, AR. He was a research geneticist at the University of Minnesota from 1991 through 1995.

At Lyon College, Gregerson administered a 15-person division with duties including curricular planning, course scheduling, budget planning and management, and faculty and student recruitment and retention.

He is the recipient of Lyon College's 2004 Williamson Prize for Faculty Excellence and was named 2003 Arkansas Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement and Support of Education.

Gregerson holds a Ph.D. in molecular genetics from the University of Georgia and a B.A. in biology from Wabash College.



### **Nan Davis Tapped for Recreation and Wellness**

Nanette "Nan" Davis is the new director of recreation and wellness. In that capacity, she will expand the current student-focused recreation center and intramural activities to include a full-service recreation program with wellness activities, sports clubs, and outdoor recreation programs.

Davis comes to Armstrong Atlantic from Loyola University New Orleans and brings more than 22 years of administrative experience in sports management. Prior to joining AASU she served as director of recreational sports at Loyola.

Davis holds a master's in physical education from Miami University of Ohio and a bachelor's in health and physical education from Tulane University in Louisiana.

## **Robert I. Strozier 2007-2008 Faculty Lecture Series**

### **August 31**

Soups or Sparks: The Battle over Neuronal Communication  
David Lake, Physical Therapy

### **September 21**

Middle School Teachers Share Suggestions for Improving Preparation of Novice Teachers  
Brenda E. Logan, Middle & Secondary Education

### **October 19**

Abridging the Freedom of Speech: Political Correctness and the Rise of a New Social McCarthyism in America  
Tony Morris, Languages, Literature & Philosophy

### **November 9**

Copyrights, Portraits, and Pope: Marketing Poetry in Early Eighteenth-Century England  
David Wheeler, Languages, Literature & Philosophy

### **January 18**

Studio Physics: Moving Toward Student-Centered Instruction  
Donna Mullenax, Chemistry and Physics

### **February 8**

Heavenly Genes: Eugenic Motherhood and the Rebirth of a Nation  
Jane V. Rago, Languages, Literature & Philosophy

### **March 7**

The Japanese in Brazil: 1908-2008  
José de Arimatéia da Cruz, Criminal Justice, Social & Political Science

### **March 28**

Georgia on My Mathematical Mind  
Jane T. Barnard, Mathematics

### **April 18**

Vulnerable Populations: Exploring a Family Perspective of Grief  
Marilyn O'Mallon, Nursing

*All lectures will be held in University Hall 156 at 12:05 p.m.*

## **You Made Someone Smile**

Human Resources reports that the following people were nominated for "You Made Someone Smile." For more information, contact human resources at 927.5267.

Charlotte Fletcher, registrar and admissions  
John Kearnes, criminal justice and political science  
Jessica Miller, athletics  
Craig Morrison, registrar and admissions

## **Welcome Aboard**

Justin Barlow, Registrar/Admissions  
Veronica Black, Athletics  
Andy Clark, Academic Affairs  
Nanette Davis, Student Affairs  
Amy Delince, Criminal Justice, Social & Political Science  
Robert Gregerson, Biology  
Archibald Martin, CIS  
Samantha Mention, University Police  
Matthew Swint, University Police

## **On the Move**

Angela Everett to Human Resources  
Diana Kennard to Student Affairs  
Anita Mei to Nursing  
Sue Ryczkowski to Payroll Services  
Sissy Zirpolo to Payroll Services

## Kudos

The first cohort of **nuclear medicine graduates** has successfully passed two national board examinations with a 100% pass rate. The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (AART) and the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Boards (NMTCB) administered the two examinations.

On the examination given by the ARRT the class average was 87.1% and on the NMTCB the class average was 80.1%. Class averages on both examinations are above the national averages.

**Elwin Tilson**, radiologic sciences, presented two papers at the National Educators Conference in Orlando, FL. The two papers were “New advances in computed tomography practice” and “Teaching cross-sectional anatomy.” Tilson also had an editorial “Dichotomous thinking: The danger to the profession,” published in the journal *Radiologic Sciences & Education*.

**Sharyn Gibson**, **Gloria Strickland**, and Tilson, all radiologic sciences, published an article in the journal *Orthopedic Nursing*, “An overview of radiography, computed tomography, and magnetic resonance imaging in the diagnosis of lumbar spine pathology.”

**Will Lynch**, chemistry and physics department head, was part of the mentoring team for the 2007 U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad Study Camp at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. The camp is sponsored by the American Chemical Society and held each year at the academy.

**José de Arimatéia da Cruz**, political science, and **Becky K. da Cruz**, criminal justice, have published “Treatment of Drug Offenders in the Criminal Justice System: Analyzing Correlations of Gender” in the *Law Enforcement Executive Forum*.

**Azita Bahrami**, informational technology, published a research paper, “Self-Customization of E-Knowledge Using Color Semantics,” in the proceedings of the International Conference on Conceptual Structures and presented it at the conference held in Sheffield, UK, in July 2007.

An opinion column, “Turkey: A Beacon to the Islamic World,” by **Barry Ostrow**, university relations, was published in the *Savannah Morning News*.

**Felix Hamza-Lup**, computer science, has been awarded a \$30,000 grant by the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) Research & Education Foundation. The funds will assure the continuous development of the 3DRTT project, in collaboration with M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Orlando and Memorial Health University Medical Center in an effort to improve cancer treatment.

Hamza-Lup served as a reviewer on the program committee of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers International Symposium of Mixed and Augmented Reality.

Hamza-Lup, **Ivan Sopin**, a computer science major, and **Zeidan Omar**, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Orlando, published “Towards 3D Web-based Simulation and Training Systems for Radiation Oncology” in *ADVANCE Magazine for Imaging and Oncology Administrators*.

Sopin, advised by Hamza-Lup, won third place at the TechFest 2007 Student Project Competition for “Web-based 3D Virtual Environments for Radiation Therapy Training.” The event was sponsored by The Creative Coast Initiative in Savannah.

Hamza-Lup, **Jannick Rolland**, and **Denise Nicholson**, both University of Central Florida, have co-authored “Beyond the Desktop: Emerging Technologies for Supporting 3D Collaborative Teams” published in the *International Journal on Interactive Design and Manufacturing*.

“Haptic Perception in a Web-based Environment—The Haptic Paradigm for Teaching and Learning,” by Hamza-Lup and **Michele B. Adams**, a computer science major, was accepted for presentation at the HighEdWeb 2007 conference, Rochester, NY.

## Calendar

### August 1

Last day of classes (Session D)  
FACE session ends (Session D)

### August 2

Final exams (Session D)

### August 3

Navigate Armstrong, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium

### August 6

Final grades due (Session D)

### August 8

Academic Assistance registration, 1-6 p.m.

### August 13

Faculty meeting, 10-11:30 a.m., Armstrong Center Auditorium

### August 14

New faculty orientation, 8:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m., Science Center 1405  
Fall registration begins (Sessions 1 & 2), 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

### August 15

Fall registration ends (Sessions 1 & 2), 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Soccer vs. SCAD (Exhibition), 5 p.m., Soccer Field

### August 16

First day of classes (Sessions 1 & 2)  
Late registration and Drop/Add (Sessions 1 & 2), 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

### August 17

Late registration and Drop/Add (Sessions 1 & 2), 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.  
University meeting, 12:15-1:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium

### August 18

First day of Saturday classes  
Registration (Saturday classes only), 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

### August 20

Late registration and Drop/Add (Sessions 1 & 2), 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

### August 23

Faculty music recital, 2:30-4 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium

### August 29

Hudson Mathematics and Computing Colloquium, noon-1:25 p.m.



## August 30

Student Government Association sponsors an American Red Cross blood drive,

10:30 a.m.-5 p.m., MCC Lawn

Alumni Recital: Grammy winner Ernest Murphy, 2:30-4 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium

## August 31

Faculty Lecture Series, David Lake presents "Soup or Sparks: The Battle Over Neuronal Communication," 12:05-1 p.m., University Hall 156

## AASU in the News

Following are some of the top stories appearing in print and broadcast media in July. For more details on these and other stories, contact Francisco Duque in university relations at 961.3173 or [Francisco.Duque@armstrong.edu](mailto:Francisco.Duque@armstrong.edu).

- 7/1      AASU hosts An Evening to Remember Johnny Mercer.  
-*Savannah Magazine*
  
- 7/1      AASU student Jennifer Incorvaia designs the winning Savannah Asian Festival Logo.  
-*Coastal Family Magazine*  
Also, *Savannah Morning News*-7/26
  
- 7/6      Michael Toma interviewed regarding Economic Monitor report.  
-*Savannah Morning News*  
Also, *Business Report & Journal*-7/5
  
- 7/5      Skidaway Institute and AASU work together to offer teachers a summer science course.  
-*Savannah Morning News*
  
- 7/7      Former Marine Winn Karnosky established a scholarship at AASU to help a deserving person become a nurse.  
-*Savannah Morning News*
  
- 7/11     Adam Morrison, a recent graduate of AASU, has received a \$25,000 tuition scholarship to attend the western New England College School of Law.  
-*Savannah Tribune*
  
- 7/11     AASU Masquers present Parallel Lives as part of Surprise summer season.  
-*Connect Savannah*
  
- 7/13     Kam Fui Lau, Andy Clark, and Robert Gregerson have received new appointments at AASU.  
-*Business Report & Journal*
  
- 7/14     AASU and Chatham music educators are heading to Argentina to work with local music bands.  
-*Savannah Morning News*  
Also, *Savannah Morning News*-7/17, 7/19, 7/20, 7/23, 7/24, 7/26
  
- 7/23     Jack Kingston speaks at the Armstrong Center regarding recent nursing grants.  
-WJCL-TV, WTOG-TV  
Also, *Business Report & Journal*-7/23; *Savannah Morning News*-7/24
  
- 7/25     AASU Masquers' Arsenic and Old Lace featured.  
-*Connect Savannah*

## University System Electronic News Sources

Take advantage of the range of informational publications published online by the University System of Georgia (USG).

- For news of both the university system office and individual campuses, read the monthly *System Supplement*: [www.usg.edu/pubs/sys\\_supp/](http://www.usg.edu/pubs/sys_supp/).
- *Value Added—USG Serves Georgia* focuses on how the university system and its campuses are serving Georgia and local communities. To read this monthly publication, go to: [www.usg.edu/pubs/value/](http://www.usg.edu/pubs/value/).
- *Linkages* reports news of the university system and provides hot links to related source materials: [www.usg.edu/linkages/](http://www.usg.edu/linkages/).

**The submission deadline for the September issue of**  
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**is August 15.**

**Please send submissions to [AASU.news@armstrong.edu](mailto:AASU.news@armstrong.edu).**

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